

# NH Environmental Health Tracking Program



## **Policy Review**



# Policy Review Scope

- Review state statutes and laws related to reporting and surveillance of EH issues in NH focusing on: environmental hazards, testing and biomonitoring and human health issues (illness, disease and wellness) related to environmental conditions in air, water, buildings, and food.
- Report on public health policy for indicators in the following areas: a) EH/illness/injury, health investigations, disaster response or disease clusters; b) human biomonitoring/human exposure; c) pollution control, noise and nuisance odors, building codes, and air/water/waste rules.
- Information collected should include: a) scope and limits of reporting requirements, legal and regulatory authority for data collection and retention; b) investigations and enforcement actions; c) certification or licensure of professions, professional practice and standards.

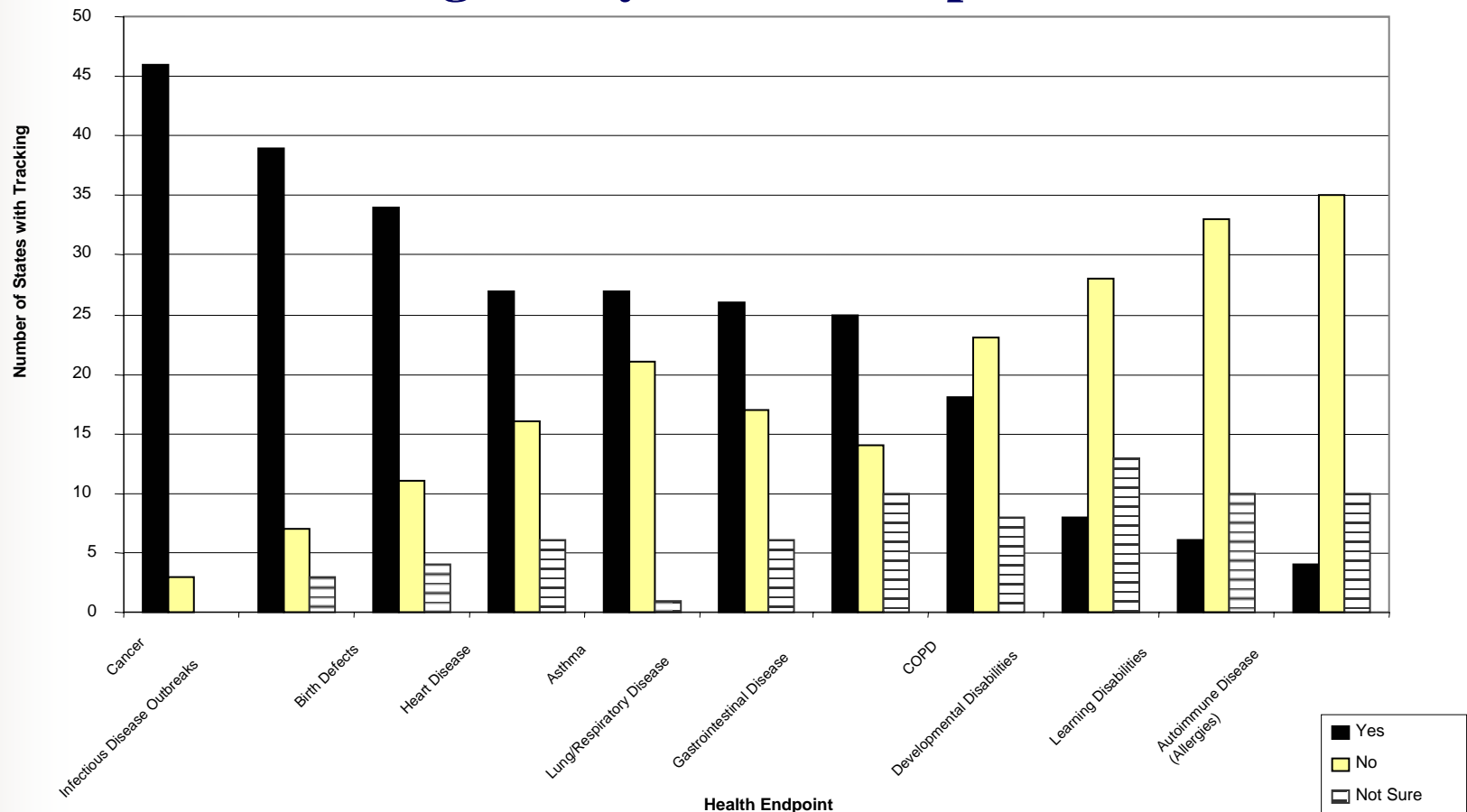


# Policy Review Products

- Create a bibliography of past policy evaluation efforts
- Publish a report of results
- Develop an EH policy database
- Post report to public website

# Where are the Reporting Gaps?

## U.S. Tracking of Key Health Endpoints



\*As reported to Pew Researchers by State Environmental Health Personnel or State Epidemiologists



## Laws Regarding Reporting and Surveillance of Environmental Health Issues in NH

- Lead poisoning blood levels, RSA 130-A:5
- Certain occupational poisonings, RSA 140:5
- Carbon monoxide release events, RSA 153:22
- Food poisoning/botulism, RSA 141-C:8, He-P 301.02
- Legionellosis, He-P 301.02
- Unusual clusters of illness, He-P 301.02

Source: <http://www.state.nh.us/government/laws.html>